

REMARKS

Claim 41 is amended to remove a multiple dependency. New claim 72 is added with the dependency deleted in claim 41. Claim 71 is amended to correct an informality. Marked up versions of the amended claims are attached hereto pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii). Claims 28-72 are pending in the application.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 337-6851 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with markings to show changes made:

41. The method of claim 39 [or 40], wherein the complex comprises the ligand and the protein, and the complex is formed by the binding of the ligand to the receptor.

71. The device of claim [71] 69, wherein the biopolymers are the same or different.